



Public Workshop for:

BR 1-137 ON FOXHILL LANE OVER
RED CLAY CREEK AND ROLLING
MILL ROAD RETAINING WALL

Delaware National Country Club

November 15, 2005
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY
Date: November 15, 2005

A public workshop for the Wooddale Covered Bridge and Rolling Mill Retaining Wall project was held on November 15, 2005, at the Delaware National Country Club in Greenville. The following staff members represented DelDOT:

- *Dennis O'Shea*
- *Jiten Soneji*
- *Doug Robb*
- *Jason Hastings*
- *Jim Hoagland*
- *Allyson Petsoff*

There were a total of 23 people who attended the workshop based on the Department's Sign-In sheet. Based on discussions with the attendees and responses on the comment forms, we offer the following summary:

SUMMARY

The meeting was carried out in a somewhat informal manner. Basically, discussions were held among Project Team members and the attendees as they arrived and walked among the displays. Doug conducted a "formal" presentation at approximately 5:30, after a majority of the anticipated number of attendees was present. The presentation included a discussion about the Design-Build process and why the Department is no longer pursuing that option, the proposed design schedule, the funding issues of the Department and what the attendees

could do to help, and the aesthetic options that the Department would like to get the attendees' input on. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation, where it was apparent that the attendees were more interested in speeding up the timeline than the details of the project itself.

In summary, it is the general consensus of the Project Team that most attendees are frustrated with the lack of a definitive schedule for the project as well as the funding issues with the Department. Most attendees mentioned that they would be contacting their legislators to make sure this project gets completed as soon as possible.

Despite the general frustration, the attendees seemed to be pleased with the scope of the project and are happy to be included in the decision making process for some of the aesthetic details. An overwhelming majority of the attendees liked the timber guardrail to be used as the railing along the top of the wall. However, the attendees were split pretty evenly among the different wall treatment details presented. There were also mixed feelings regarding the look of the post-and-plank wall.

The Project Team intends to maintain communication with the attendees throughout the design of the project. Several attendees commented that a web page should be created. The Project Team intends to proceed forward with the project utilizing the input obtained from the public workshop.

Below, we have compiled the responses to the comment forms that we have received to date. The sign-in sheets, displays, and handouts are located in the appendices.

Comments:

A total of 9 responses were given and a summary of these responses are as follows:

- 1. Did the workshop help you better understand the proposed replacement of the Wooddale Covered Bridge and the Rolling Mill Road Retaining Wall? If not, what questions are still unanswered?**

There were 8 responses to this question with the following results:

- There were 4 responses of "Yes."
- Yes it was helpful as we are new in the neighborhood.
- Yes, but need to see the final drawing with proposed wall.
- What we can do to get this underway.
- 1. I should like a wider "throat" – i.e., the passage through which the water flows.
2. Windows on side... traffic and to allow water to pass over the deck.

2. Were there any details about the proposed retaining wall treatments that you liked? Were there any details that you did not like? Please explain.

There were 7 responses to this question with the following results:

- Rock texture surface.
- The retaining wall should look like stone outline wall treatment.
- I like the plain stucco finish for retaining walls.
- I prefer the stone textured wall treatment the best of the three. I dislike plain concrete the most. I was wondering why you can't use concrete combined with the stones that are there. It might look good to have stones showing.
- No to stucco textured wall treatment. Stone wall will look better for the area.
- I liked the stone outlined wall treatment. I thought the stucco look to be cheap looking and question its long term durability.
- 1. Stucco.

3. Were there any details about the retaining wall railing that you liked? Were there any details that you did not like? Please explain.

There were 8 responses to this question with the following results:

- Prefer the timber railing but will need maintenance and probably replacement in 15-20 years. Concrete less aesthetic but more permanent.
- Timber guardrail. Post-and-plan ok, not great. Bearable to keep costs down.
- I liked the timber guardrail railing.
- I don't like the open concrete arched #3 railing – I don't think it fits. I liked Mt. Cuba Road railing timber.
- Like the most: 1. wooden timber, 2. open concrete with mere horizontal line, 3. steel. I have no strong feeling in either direction in regards to the plank and post.
- Timber guardrail railing type looks better but might not last.
- I liked the timber guardrail railing.
- One like Mt. Cuba timber and metal.

4. Did you request any additional information from a member of the project team at the workshop? If so, please describe and provide your contact information at the end of this form so we are certain to follow up on your request.

There were 4 responses to this question with the following results:

- Yes. Need project website.
- No.
- No.
- No.

5. How did you hear about the workshop?

There were 8 responses to this question (some with multiple answers) with the following results:

- 7 responses were for other – road sign.
- 2 responses were for home delivery of flyer.
- 1 response was for civic/community group.

6. Are there any other comments or suggestions you want to give to the project team?

There were 7 responses to this question with the following results:

- Great look and necessary.
- Create project website with Q&A section for community input.
- Please hurry.
- How can we help generate interest for funding?
- Our son's public school bus stop is at the corner of Rolling Mill and Barley Mill. We walk to that location 2 times a day. We are concerned about getting to stop when the road is closed.
- Please make the Rolling Mill Road a one way coming from Lancaster Pike to Barley Mill so that our car will always be on the hill side unless DelDOT enlarges to the part that keeps on being washed away.
- Post and plank looked more modern than the stone treatment which appears more fit for our area.